

Questions & Answers

Questions for Tep Rindaro

Tep Rindaro is one of Cambodia's most well-known actors. He has been captivating audiences since 1989, when he made his screen debut in Secret Tear, an epic love story. His latest project is the USAID-funded Scales of Justice, a legal drama that debuts this weekend on TVK and TV3. Rindaro sat down recently to talk about his role as a commune police chief in the show.



What attracted you to **Scales of Justice**?

I really loved the script. It's a story about the Khmer people helping one another to solve their own problems, which I think is a good message. Also, I'd had good experiences before working with the show's producers, the Women's Media Center.

Tell us about your character in the show.

I play a commune police chief in a rural village. He is a bachelor, and he is always trying to improve the living standards of his family. He's a hard-working guy who teaches English to local students to earn extra money.

The show is very entertaining, but it also has a message. What is it trying to teach Cambodians?

The show has several very important messages. First, it uses real-life scenarios to explain several parts of the law, including land rights and domestic abuse. Second, it shows that perpetrators of crimes will never escape justice. Finally, it shows that all victims of crime have the right to a lawyer.

What are your plans for the future?

I will play the king in an upcoming movie, and I have a starring role in a live show at the Angkor temples in Siem Reap. But as much as I love acting, I'd like to direct some day. My plan is to establish a film production company. Whatever happens, I'm happy to continue contributing my energy to projects that advance social justice.

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Questions for Keo Sereyroth

Keo Sereyroth is a busy woman. In addition to working as a journalist and running a small business, she has a budding career as an actress. Her latest role finds her as a young lawyer in the USAID-funded Scales of Justice, a legal drama that debuts on TVK and TV3 this weekend. Sereyroth sat down recently to talk about the show.



Why did you decide to get involved in *Scales of Justice*?

I got involved because talking about a topic such as the legal system is beneficial to the Cambodian public. I liked all four stories in the series, although my favorite episodes are three and four, which tell a story about domestic violence. This is an issue that affects women and is unfortunately common in Cambodia.

The show is supposed to be entertaining, but it also has a message. What is it trying to teach Cambodians?

You're right, the show is not just about entertaining people. We're trying to educate people about some very important subjects. For instance, the show demonstrates how to use a lawyer, which is not something everyone in Cambodia knows how to do. It also shows that if you've done something wrong, you won't escape justice.

Tell us a little bit about yourself. What do you like to do in your free time?

I like making new friends. I like having fun. But what I like most is teaching people the things that I've learned in life – that's why I've worked as an actress in public-awareness campaigns for NGOs.

What are your plans for the future?

I'll continue acting, because I love expressing myself. And I'll stay busy running my clothing business.

Scales of Justice Broadcast Schedule

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| Episode 1 | August 9 at 18:00 (TVK)
August 10 at 12:30 (TV3) |
| Episode 2 | August 16 at 18:00 (TVK)
August 17 at 12:30 (TV3) |
| Episode 3 | August 23 at 18:00 (TVK)
August 24 at 12:30 (TV3) |
| Episode 4 | August 30 at 18:00 (TVK)
August 31 at 12:30 (TV3) |
| Episode 5 | September 6 at 18:00 (TVK)
September 7 at 12:30 (TV3) |
| Episode 6 | September 13 at 18:00 (TVK)
September 14 at 12:30 (TV3) |
| Episode 7 | September 20 at 18:00 (TVK)
September 21 at 12:30 (TV3) |
| Episode 8 | September 27 at 18:00 (TVK)
September 28 at 12:30 (TV3) |

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